

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2283 - SB 2291**

March 20, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires a statewide political party to hold a primary election for nominations for judge, chancellor, district attorney general, and public defender in multi-county judicial districts.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures –**

**\$1,265,800/FY21-22 and Every Eight Years Thereafter\***

**Assumptions:**

- The offices in question have an eight (8) year term and will not be on the ballot again if this bill were to be enacted until the May 2022 ballot.
- Local county governments will bear the cost of any additional elections related to the provisions of the bill.
- Based on local government survey information provided by the Secretary of State (SOS), 39 counties responded that their county has never held a county primary or has only held one county primary over the last ten years.
- Of the counties that reported the provisions of the bill would require a primary election, the total combined cost reported is \$1,265,784 based on the costs incurred in these counties for the August 2014 election.
- The recurring mandatory increase in local expenditures is estimated to be \$1,265,784 in FY21-22 and every eight years thereafter.

\*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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